

## FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HALF-HOUR FOR JUNE

### DIVINE MERCY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**Hymn:** Joyful Celebration No 164 Have Thine own way Lord.

**Exposition:** In a moment of silence we make an act of faith believing that Jesus, the Risen Lord is truly present on our altar. **[Pause for a minute's silence]**

**Act of adoration:**

The revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to the world: "I want the entire world to recognize in the Blessed Sacrament a God of mercy and love. I wish that every where my desire to forgive and save souls should be read and not even the most wretched be kept back by fear...nor the most guilty fly from me...I await them with open arms to impart life and true happiness to them"

Lord, I wish to banish every anxiety and fear as I come to you; let not the burden of my sins ever keep me away from your tender mercy and forgiveness.

**O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine**

**SILENCE 3 minutes**

**Scripture Reading:**

Isaiah is sent by God to reprimand the people of Judah and Jerusalem for their wicked ways; but he also offers them the total wiping away of their iniquity, if they turn with contrite hearts to his mercy.

**Isaiah 1:16-20 [pause in silence]**

**Meditation: [to be read slowly and meaningfully]**

The following is based on the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to his chosen servant, Josefa Menendez, to whom he appeared in the first half of the last century.

"I live in the midst of sinners that I maybe their life, their physician, and the remedy of their diseases. In return they forsake, insult and despise Me.

Do not turn away from me...Day and night I am on the watch for you in the Tabernacle. I will not reproach you...I will not cast your sins in your face....But I will wash them in my Blood and in my Wounds. No need to be afraid...Come to me. If you but knew how dearly I love you. Why this coldness and indifference on your part? I know that family cares, household concerns and requirements of your position in life make continual calls on you. Still can you not spare a few minutes to come and prove your affection and your gratitude? Spare a few moments to visit and receive this Prisoner

of Love. Come then to the One who is able to give both strength and health to your soul.”

**SILENCE: 3 minutes**

**Hymn:** Joyful Celebration No 122 Father we adore you...

**Gospel Reading:**

Almost at the beginning of Luke’s Gospel we find Zechariah, filled with the Holy Spirit extolling the mercy he has experienced of a tender loving God.

**Luke 1: 69-79 [pause in silence]**

**Reflection:**

Pope Francis points out that Jesus reveals the nature of God “as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy.” (MV 9)

At the culmination of his reflection, the Pope turns to Mary, Mother of Mercy and intercedes with her that all may rediscover the joy of God’s tenderness. “No one has penetrated the profound mystery of the incarnation like Mary. Her entire life was patterned after the presence of mercy made flesh. (MV 24) Mary has entered the sanctuary of divine mercy because she fully participated in the mystery of incarnation.

The Church has a mission before all people to be a credible witness to mercy. “May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: ‘Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.’” (Ps25:6)

**INTERCESSIONS**

**RESPONSE:** JESUS, FACE OF THE FATHER’S MERCY GIVE US YOUR PARDON AND PEACE.

Lord, you were sent to bring the Good News of salvation to the poor, and healing for all trapped in sin. Give us the grace to turn to your healing love as we meditate on your Word in the Scriptures...

Father, you know our sinfulness and many weaknesses. May we reach out with joy to grasp your hand and walk more readily in your ways, as we spend time with you now and always...

Lord, you listen with mercy, compassion, and love to our sins and weakness, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Help us to leave the sacrament each time, with a new resolve and direction in our lives to follow you more closely, knowing that we are loved and forgiven . . .

That many souls will discover the great gift of your mercy and compassion as we go out becoming your witnesses and heralds, to proclaim the good news. . .

Lord that you lead many souls back to a restored life of grace through all the initiatives that Pope Francis has suggested to us during this Jubilee Year of Mercy...

**Marian Prayer of Mercy:      HAIL HOLY QUEEN**

**Prayers for Bombay and India...**

**Prayers for Benediction                      Joyful Cel. No. 13**  
**Benediction Hymn:                      Joyful Cel. No. 245**  
**Divine Praises**

**Concluding Hymn:                      Joyful Cel. No. 377**